

APRIL/MAY 2019

Welcome Back to School!

Digital Technologies

The Department of Education and Skills has issued all schools with a grant for the purchase of IT equipment. The teachers have identified the area of assessment from the Digital Learning Framework and plan to develop digital portfolios with the children for self and peer assessment in the coming year.

School Calendar

The school calendar with details of school closures for the school year 2019-2020 is on the school website. School reopens for all pupils on 29th August 2019. We would ask that parents try not to arrange holidays during term time.

School Laneway

The Board of Management would like to remind parents that the laneway up to the school does not belong to us and is private property owned by Douglas Gillis. Children should not be allowed to play in the laneway. Please also ensure that children do not climb up on or play on the bins.

New School Logo!



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We've decided to update and modernise the school logo to reflect recent changes with the addition of our lovely memorial garden last year. The new logo uses the tree in the garden while still including the hand which was a feature of our old logo.

We hope you like it!

Special Olympics

We're very proud of Joshua Dodd who features in the promotional video for the Special Olympics. Friday 5th April was Special Olympic Day and we held a collection in the school. We raised €247 which was a great result. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this good cause.





Seachtain na Gaeilge

We held our Seachtain na Gaeilge on the last week of the Spring term. During the week there were a variety of activities ending with a Céilí Mór on Friday 12th April.

Rang 6 set up a Siopa na Scoile in the hall and all children had the opportunity to go shopping as Gaeilge!

A big 'Go Raibh Maith Agat' to Ms. Sweetnam and Mr. Leonard who organised the stock for the siopa, to 6th class who ran the siopa and to the buddies who helped the younger children with their Gaeilge.

NCCA

The staff continues to be involved in the consultative forum on the redevelopment of the primary curriculum. The new Primary Language curriculum is being implemented in Junior Infants to 2nd classes and will be rolled out in 3rd to 6th classes next year. That will be followed by a new Primary Maths which will be coming on stream in 2020. Busy times ahead!

Summer Works

The Minister of Education recently announced a new Summer Works Scheme. This is a scheme whereby schools can apply for funding to undertake particular projects to improve school buildings. The Board of Management has decided to apply for funding to the DES under this scheme for the upgrading of the school bathrooms. If we are successful the work will be carried out during the summer of 2020.

The board already has an application with the DES for funding for the playground. These applications will be looked at separately in the coming months and we are hopeful that we will be successful and can begin to plan to improve the playground.

Wedding Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Ms. Heather Sweetnam who married her fiancé Iain during the Easter holidays.

4th class made this very special Lego construction for them as a wedding present.



Absences

If your child is absent from school you should send in an email on the first day of absence explaining the absence and letting us know how long the child will be absent. This is a requirement for the National Education Welfare Board

SCHOOL PHOTOS
8TH MAY 2019

TIPS FOR A GOOD SCHOOL PHOTO

1. Dress neat & keep clean!
2. Avoid wearing white tops or fussy patterns, bright strong colours look great on a white backdrop.
3. Bring a hairbrush or comb to school so your child or one of my assistants can neaten their hair for the photo.
4. Come with your brother/sister & have fun!!!

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Infant Induction

The meeting for parents of children joining Junior Infants in September 2019 will take place in the school on Wednesday 15th May at 9.a.m. in the school hall. It would be very helpful if parents don't bring younger children to this meeting.

The new infants will come to visit the classroom on Wednesday 22nd May at 1.15 p.m

We look forward to meeting our new infants and parents on these days.

School Photos

Julie McCoy will be in school next week (Wednesday 8th may) to take school photos.

Gymnastics

Gymnastics will start this Thursday and will continue each Thursday for the next six weeks. Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing and footwear

Music Generation Gig

Pupils in 6th class will take part in a gig in Rua Red in Tallaght on Thursday 6th May at 8 p.m.

More details to follow.

Parish Fete

Rathfarnham Parish Fete will take place on Saturday 18th May in The High School, Rathgar.

This is a great day out and enjoyed by all. The teachers will be running the burger stall as usual so come along and say hello (and have a tasty burger!)

School trips this term

- 29th May: R.1 & 2 to Explorium
- 31st May: R 3 & 4 to Rathbeggan Lakes
- 31st May: R.5 to Avon Rí
- 6th June: JI & SI to Play Barn
- 10th June: R3 & R4 to Trinity College

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 8th: Photographer	May 9th: Gymnastics start	May 9th: Music Generation gig
May 12th: ACE service	May 15th: New infant meeting for parents	May 18th: Parish Fete
May 22nd: new infants visit	May 22nd: Board of Management meeting	May 27-31 Gaeltacht
May 31st: 5th class trip	June 4-7: Music Generation arts festival	June 7th: Senior Sports
June 12th: Sponsored Walk	June 18th: Choir Summer Concert	June 21st: 6th class BBQ
June 25th: Senior Play	June 27th: END OF TERM (12 noon)	